# Norwalk Police Department

#### **Dear Parents:**

Welcome to Safety Town! Your child will experience four fun packed days filled with learning experiences on safety. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES EACH DAY! NO FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS, OR CROCS! No food, drink or toys should be brought from home. It is important to reinforce everything we talk about in class everyday with your child. Included in this letter is an outline of what we learn each day. Your child may be bringing home materials and handouts every day that you can go over with him or her to help them better understand and feel more comfortable about what they have learned. Your child will learn "Safety Slogans" for each key topic. These slogans help jog their memory about each topic. The following is an outline of each day's events:

#### **DAY #1**

- "Safety Slogan": **OBEY THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.**
- Traffic Light colors: Green Go, Yellow Slowdown and Be Careful, Red Stop.
- Walk Lights: You must push the button and wait for the walk light.
- Never cross the street without an adult.
- Never cross until you Stop, Look (all directions) and Listen (for oncoming cars).
- Make sure you see the oncoming cars and they see you. Just because you see the car does
  not mean the driver of the car sees you. Always wait until, you are sure. (SEE AND BE SEEN)
- Once you start to cross do not stop in the road. Move quickly until you reach the other side.
- All of the children will take a walk and practice using the traffic lights at a real intersection.
- "Safety Slogan": THE POLICEMAN IS OUR FRIEND.
- The Policeman's job is to help and protect. Never be afraid to ask a Policeman for help.
- Children learn about the gear police use.

### **DAY #2**

- "Safety Slogan": CROSS THE STREET A CORNERS AND INTERSECTIONS.
- We demonstrate this slogan by crossing our arms.
- An intersection is where two streets cross. This is always the safest place to cross.
- Stop signs have eight sides and are red with white letters "Stop". You can tell a stop sign from behind or the shiny side because of the eight sides.
- Some intersections have stop signs instead of lights. Always Stop, Look and Listen before crossing the street no matter what.
- "Safety Slogan": PLAY WITH FRIENDS, STAY AWAY FROM STANGERS.
- A stranger is someone you don't know or don't know very well.
- You cannot tell by looking at a stranger if they are good or bad.
- Never accept anything or go anywhere with a stranger.
- Say "NO" to any offer, run away and tell a trusted adult what happened.
- Fire Safety is taught by the Norwalk Fire Department.

- Children learn about 911.
- If your clothing catches on fire "Stop, Drop and Roll", do not run.
- If your home is on fire "Get Out".
- The children practice in the Fire Safety Trailer and may see a Fire Truck firsthand.

## **DAY #3**

- "Safety Slogan": JUST SAY NO.
- Drugs and medicine, is there a difference?
- Always ask an adult for medicine, never take it yourself.
- Bike Safety: Always wear a helmet, follow the same rules for crossing the street, except walk your bike across.
- Never ride without a parent or adult with you.
- Always stay on the sidewalk.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
- "Safety Slogan": **STOP, DON'T TOUCH, RUN AWAY, TELL A GROWN UP.** Never touch a gun. Guns are dangerous. Get an adult to help if you find a gun.
- Never touch sharp objects. Get an adult to help.
- Always wear your seatbelt while riding in a car.
- Ask everyone else in the car to wear their seatbelt too.
- Bus Safety: Always wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross. You must still Stop, Look, and Listen before crossing.
- Be quiet and courteous on the bus.
- Silence at the railroad crossings so the bus driver can listen for a train coming.

#### **DAY #4**

- Train safety.
- Never walk or play on railroad tracks.
- Review of key safety points learned throughout the week.
- Graduation ceremony.
- Have a safe and happy summer!

This outline is to help you go over everything your child has learned. The workbook your child brings home at the end of the week will have more details to cover. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to ask me any questions or give me any concerns you have.

Sincerely,

Officer Cameron Lloyd

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